

COUNTRY East GermanySECURITY INFORMATION
REPORT NO. [REDACTED]TOPIC KVP Engineer Training Site near Weissenfels.

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EVALUATION see below

PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]

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DATE PREPARED 14 July 1953

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. [REDACTED] an engineer training camp of the KVP was located about 2 km west of Weissenfels at the bend of the Saale River. The camp included a permanent low brick building with a capacity of between 60 and 80 men and a large tent, probably serving to store equipment and was equipped with 2 engineer motor boats, 2 metal pontoon sections, 12 wooden pontoon sections, 4 small flat-bottomed assault boats, 5 piles of square timber, 1 pile of round timber and a stationary bridge building equipment for the construction of a light bridge for vehicles. The camp quartered a KVP unit with blue-bordered black epaulets. They were NCOs who wore a letter A on their epaulets and allegedly belonged to an engineer officers course. [REDACTED] the unit which had a strength of about 60 to 70 men at a time rotated every four weeks. Piles had been driven into the river bank for the bridge construction about 50 meters west of the other stationary bridge building equipment. A floating pile driver which rested on two pontoon sections was moored on the river bank.¹

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2. [REDACTED] the area of the former German engineer park on the Saale River near Weissenfels was placed under KVP control when also the barracks installation in Weissenfels was occupied by KVP. While the later installation quartered about 1,000 engineers with black collar patches, the engineer training site was occupied by an estimated 70 to 80 men. A large house tent which, [REDACTED] had a capacity of more than 100 soldiers, was in the area which was surrounded by a wire fence. Engineer equipment seen in the area included 12 to 15 pontoons, about 1.25x3 meters, about 3,00 cubic meters round timber and 4 crane trucks. In early June, about 75 soldiers constructed a pontoon bridge up to the middle of the river which was later removed.¹

1. [REDACTED] Comment. It is rather safely believed that Weissenfels quarters the KVP engineer officers school which had been located in Klieetz [REDACTED]. The letter A on epaulets is indicative of KVP officers aspirants. Blue-bordered black collar patches are worn by engineers.

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